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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose their election of claims for prosecution on the merits in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5. Enclosed with the present Response is Applicants' request for a onemonth extension of time.